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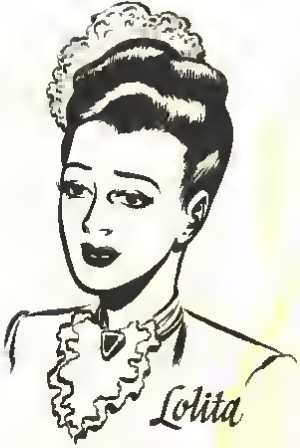

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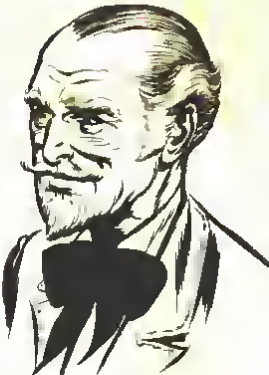

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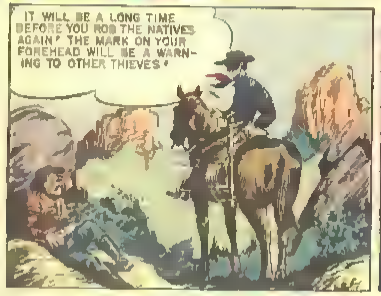
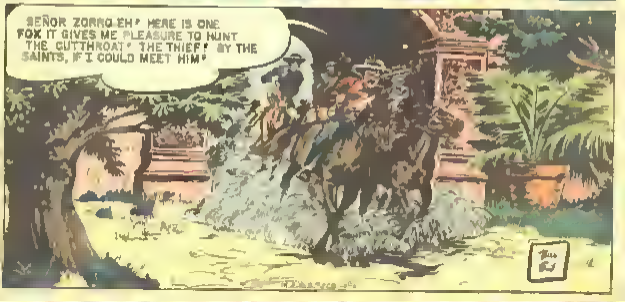
IN OLD CALIFORNIA, THERE EXISTED A FORM OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED BY THE WEALTHY BUT INDIFFERENT LANDOWNERS. AT THE TIME OF OUR STORY, THE OFFICIALS THEY HAD APPOINTED HAD BECOME CORRUPT. TERROR AND INJUSTICE SWEPT THE LAND. . . ONLY ONE MAN DARED DEFY THE GOVERNMENT -- THE DESPERADO AND HIGHWAYMAN -- ZORRO!





WE SEEK ZORRO, DON CARLOS... HE HIDES SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA
THERE IS NOTHING TO INTEREST THAT BANDIT IN MY POOR HOME... NO, WE HAVE NOT SEEN HIM, CAPTAIN RAMON
SOLDIERS LEAVE TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR ZORRO
YOU MET HIM ONCE, AND DID NOT THE FELLOW MAKE A DONKEY OUT OF YOU?
I HAD A POOR BROKEN THUMB, CAPT SOMEDAY, WE SHALL MEET WHEN HE HOLDS NO PISTOL
MEANWHILE, AT THE HACIENDA OF DON CARLOS, THE WEALTHY AND INFLUENTIAL DON DIEGO PAYS A CALL
AH, DON DIEGO! THE ALLIANCE, BE-TWEEN OUR FAMILIES, WOULD BE A PROUD ONE!
I HOPE THERE WILL BE NO ROMANTIC NONSENSE, DONA CATALINA
IT FATIGUES ME TO RIDE SO, AFTER YOU THINK IT OVER AND CONSENT TO BE MY WIFE, SEÑORITA LOLITA, HAVE YOUR FAMILY SEND ME WORD
INDEED? CAN YOU NOT TAKE THE TROUBLE TO RIDE FOUR MILES TO SEE ONE YOU WOULD WED?
SEND YOUR SERVANT TO WOO ME WITH PLAYING AND SINGING I SHALL BATHE HIM IN BOILING WATER! HAVE YOU NO BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS? ADIOS, SEÑOR!

DOES SEÑOR DIEGO THINK I AM A COMMON THING WHO WILL RUN TO THE FIRST MAN WHO ASKS? I WOULD HAVE A CABALLERO, NOT AN OLD WOMAN!
YOU ARE YOU ARE ZORRO!
YES SEÑORITA, YOU ARE RIGHT. I AM ZORRO, KNOWN AS THE CURSE OF CAPISTRANO. DON'T BE AFRAID. YOUR BEAUTY WOULD WEAKEN THE STRONGEST OF MEN
I WOULD THAT MY BEAUTY AFFECTED OTHER MEN SO.
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE SEÑORITA LACKS SUITORS?
THERE ARE FEW BRAVE ENOUGH TO ALLY THEMSELVES WITH THE FAMILY OF PULIDO, SINCE IT IS OUT OF POLITICAL FAVOR. THERE IS ONE SUITOR, BUT HE IS VERY DULL
A LAGGARD AT LOVE IN YOUR PRESENCE? WHAT AILS THIS FELLOW?
HE IS SO WEALTHY, HE THINKS NO ONE CAN REFUSE HIM. AH, SEÑOR ZORRO, YOU MUST GO IF THEY SEE YOU, IT MEANS YOUR DEATH!
IF YOU DO NOT SAY I MAY COME AGAIN, I SHALL WAIT HERE FOR THE SOLDIERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT BIG, BRAVE SERGEANT GONZALES IS AFTER ME
YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION, SEÑOR. BY THE SAINTS, GO!
THERE GOES A THIEF, PERHAPS, BUT A MAN IF ONLY DON DIEGO HAD HALF AS MUCH DASH AND COURAGE
LATER, AS THE FAMILY OF DON CARLOS GATHERS FOR THE EVENING MEAL—
GO, SEE WHO KNOCKS AT THE DOOR
SI, SEÑOR
OH, IT ISN'T POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL TELL OF OUR MEETING!
PARDON MY INTRUSION. I AM THE MAN KNOWN AS SEÑOR ZORRO. FEAR NOT, I WILL DO YOU NO INJURY.

SCOUNDREL! HOW DARE YOU ENTER AN HONEST HOUSE?
I AM NO ENEMY OF YOURS, DON CARLOS AS A VICTIM OF THOSE VILLAINS IN POWER, YOU MUST KNOW THAT ALL I DESIRE IS MEAT AND DRINK
WHATEVER GOOD BLOOD ONCE FLOWED IN YOUR VEINS HAS BEEN FOULED BY YOUR ACTIONS. ATHER AND HIGHWAYMAN HAS NO CLAIM UPON MY HOSPITALITY
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU FEAR TO FEED ME, AND SO THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY BEAR YOU NO GRUDGE, YOU MAY SAY YOU WERE FORCED TO. IT WILL BE THE TRUTH, DON CARLOS.
I TRUST YOU WILL BE MAN ENOUGH TO ALLOW ME TO TAKE MY WIFE TO HER ROOM, AND SECURE A NATIVE TO CARE FOR HER?
OF COURSE, SEÑOR CARLOS.
THE GOOD SEÑORITA REMAINS HERE AS HOSTAGE FOR YOUR SAFE RETURN
IF HE IS CAPTURED, THOSE IN POWER WILL CERTAINLY SHOW ME SOME CONSIDERATION
WE SHALL DELAY HIM HERE UNTIL THE SOLDIERS COME. THEN AT ONCE TO INFORM THEM
SI, SEÑOR

DON CARLOS ENTREATS ZORRO TO TELL OF HIS ADVENTURES. ZORRO COMPLIES WITH STORIES OF HOW HE PROTECTED THE GENTLE MONKS OF FRAILES FROM PERSECUTION BY CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

EAT WELL, FOR SINCE I HAVE THOUGHT A LITTLE, THERE ARE MANY OF YOUR DEEDS I HAVE ADMIRED

MEANWHILE-

BY THE SAINTS, I AM THIRSTY! LET US GO TO THE TAVERN, AND MY GOOD FRIEND DON DIEGO MAY BUY US SOME WINE

WHAT A FRIEND YOU HAVE, GONZALES. IN TRUTH, HE IS HARDLY TO BE CALLED A MAN

AH, HA! BUT YOU WILL AGREE, HE BUYS THE BEST WINE. CAPTAIN RAMON, LET US SEE IF WE CAN FIND HIM

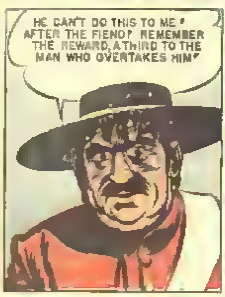
FOLLOW ME, SEÑORES, FOR SEÑOR ZORRO IS NOW DETAINED AT THE HACIENDA OF DON CARLOS DE PULIDO

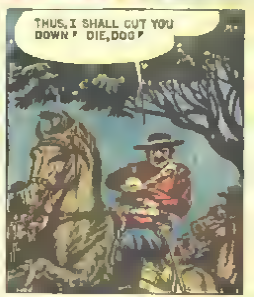
AFTER HIM? WELL, SEÑOR ZORRO, MR. FOX, NOW YOU WILL SEE THE FLASH OF MY BLADE, AND I, THE COLOR OF YOUR BLOOD!

CURSE OF THE HIGHWAYS, THIEF, COMMONER, CLAIMING BRAVERY FOR A FEW FRIGHTENED WOMEN. TODAY, I SHALL EVEN OUR SCORE!

QUIET, HE MUST BE SURPRISED
WAIT, SEÑOR ZORRO, I WILL GET THE FOOD THAT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU TO TAKE ON YOUR JOURNEY
SEÑOR, YOU MUST GO AT ONCE. I FEAR THAT MY FATHER HAS SENT FOR SOLDIERS!
YOU ARE KIND TO WARN ME, SEÑORITA. BUT A CABALLERO GIVES THANKS FOR HOSPITALITY AND I WILL THANK YOUR FATHER.
HERE IS FOOD WILL YOU HAVE MORE WINE?
I'M AFRAID THE SOLDIERS ARE MUCH TOO CLOSE FOR THAT, DON CARLOS.
BECAUSE I AM AN OUTLAW, WITH A PRICE UPON MY HEAD. YOUR BREACH OF HOSPITALITY IS FORGIVEN, SEÑOR BUENAS NOCHES, SEÑORITA SEÑOR, ADIOS
MASTER, THE SOLDIERS ARE HERE! THE HOUSE IS SURROUNDED!

THROUGH THE DARKNESS ECHOES A MOST PECULIAR CALL, THE LIKE OF WHICH NONE HAD HEARD BEFORE, AND THE SOUND OF ESCAPING HORSES' HOOFS IS HEARD FROM THE REAR OF THE PATIO.





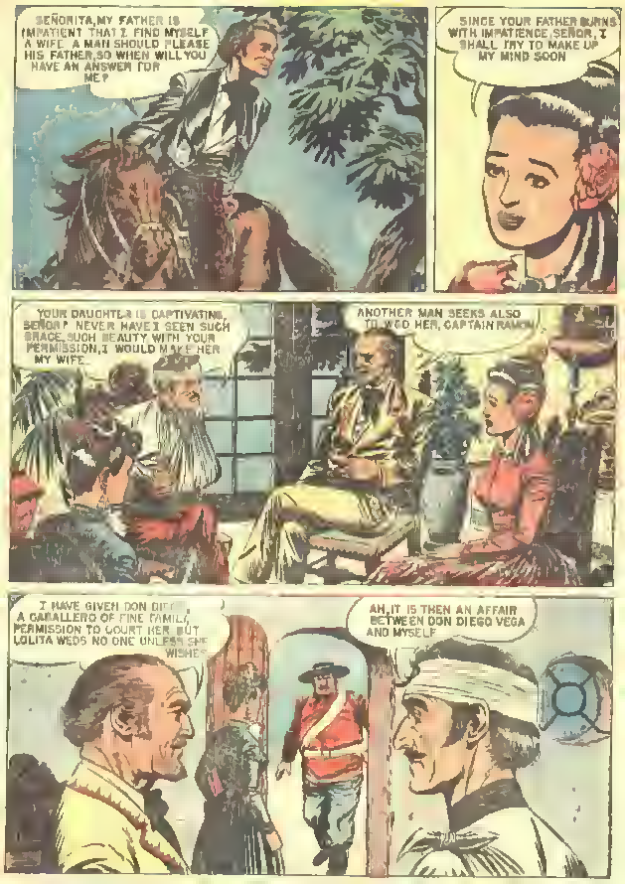
THANK THE SAINTS, IT IS YOU.
MY MEN PURSUE THE PIG OF A HIGHWAYMAN I AM HERE TO SEE THAT THE FOX DOES NOT BACKTRACK HIS TRAIL.
PARDON MY BOLD ENTRANCE, BUT WHEN AN OFFICER IS ON DUTY--
THE PARDON IS GRANTED, CAPTAIN RAMON
NO DOUBT ZORRO KNOWS OF MY SKILL WITH THE SWORD WHEREVER I AM, HE IS NOT THE ROGUE AVOIDS ME LIKE THE PLAGUE
HE HAS MADE A FOOL OF GONZALES, BUT HE KNOWS I WOULD BE A DIFFERENT MATTER. I HAVE HEARD HE IS A FIEND IN HIS DEALINGS WITH MEN AND THAT HE HAS INSULTED WOMEN
NOW, YOU SHALL PAY FOR THAT STATEMENT, SINCE IT IS A FALSEHOOD!
I--I THOUGHT YOU HAD ESCAPED!

FIRST, I SHALL PUT MY MARK UPON YOUR FOREHEAD, SO THAT ALL WHO SEE IT WILL KNOW YOU HAVE OFFENDED ZORRO.
BOASTER
YOU ARE MORE CLEVER THAN YOUR FAT SERGEANT, BUT NOT HALF CLEVER ENOUGH. YOUR FOREHEAD BLEEDS ALREADY, MY FINE CAPTAIN. NOW TO DRIVE THE LESSON HOME!
MY HORSE IS RETURNED AND AWAITS ME. I BEG THE LADIES' PARDON FOR THIS SCENE. I ASSURE YOU, THE CAPTAIN IS NOT BADLY INJURED. ADIOS!
SOON AFTER
THE SERVANTS TELL ME ZORRO HAS BEEN HERE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MY POOR DON DIEGO, THIS MAKES TWICE IN ONE DAY YOU HAVE RIDDEN FROM THE PUEBLO
IT'S CERTAIN TO MAKE ME ILL, ALREADY, MY BACK ACHES, AND I'VE A STIFF NECK, BUT WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE IN DANGER, I FELT I MUST COME

BY THE SAINTS, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
ZORRO ESCAPED AFTER RUNNING THE CAPTAIN THROUGH THE SHOULDER
AND DID THE ROGUE FRIGHTEN YOU, SENORITA?
WITH THE BRAVE CAPTAIN TO DEFEND US, WHAT WAS THERE TO FEAR SENOR?
I SEE THE BRAVE CAPTAIN FELT THE RASCALS STEEL, EH, RAMON? INDEED THE ROGUE MUST FEAR FOR HIS LIFE IF YOU ARE SEEKING VENGEANCE.
MEANWHILE
THE FOX, HE IS CALLED BY THE SAINTS, HE RAISES AS MUCH STENCH!
THEY SAY HE WEARS A MASK AND CARVES THE LETTER "Z" ON HIS FOES. THEY ARE BEGINNING TO CALL IT THE MARK OF ZORRO.

ZORRO,ZORRO, IS IT ALWAYS MY FATE TO HEAR THAT NAME? WHY DOES THIS PEST OF A HIGHWAYMAN AVOID ME?
AH,IF I SHOULD MEET HIM? OUT WITH MY BLADE, GROSS PEDRO GONZALES EH? HA, THROUGH THE SHOULDER? DIE,YOU DOG!
ARE YOU LAUGHING AT ME,FOOLS? DO YOU WANT YOUR HEADS BROKEN? WE SHALL TELL THE CAPTAIN THE FOX HAS ESCAPED,AND THEN ON TO THE TAVERN
AND BACK AT THE HACIENDA--
THIS WINE WILL REFRESH ME. TWICE TODAY, I HAVE RIDDEN A FOUR-MILE JOURNEY
FOUR MILES IS NOT EXACTLY A JOURNEY, SEÑOR DIEGO
IT MAY NOT BE A JOURNEY FOR A ROUGH SOLDIER, BUT FOR A GENTLEMAN
AND A SOLDIER, CAN HE NOT ALSO BE A CABALLERO, SEÑOR?

I SUPPOSE SO, BUT IT RARELY HAPPENS
DO YOU INSINUATE, SEÑOR, THAT I, CAPTAIN RAMON, AM NOT OF GOOD BLOOD?
THAT'S A QUESTION FOR ZORRO. THEY TELL ME HE HAS SEEN THE COLOR OF YOUR BLOOD!
SEÑOR, YOU DARE TO MOCK ME?
SEÑORES, LET US HAVE MORE WINE. DRINK, MY CAPTAIN. YOU ARE WEAK, AND YOU, DON DIEGO, ARE WEARY AND NEED REFRESHMENT
LET'S HOPE THAT MADMAN, ZORRO, DOES NOT BOTHER YOU AGAIN
AND, IF HE DID, SEÑOR? WOULD YOU RIDE TO AVENGE THE MATTER WITH YOUR SWORD AT YOUR SIDE?
WOULDN'T I BE MAD TO RISK MY NECK WHEN I CAN PAY STRONG YOUNG FOOLS TO RUN DOWN THE ROGUE?
OH! WAS THERE EVER SUCH A MAN!


SEÑORITA, MY FATHER IS IMPATIENT THAT I FIND MYSELF A WIFE. A MAN SHOULD PLEASE HIS FATHER, SO WHEN WILL YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR ME?
SINCE YOUR FATHER BURNS WITH IMPATIENCE, SEÑOR, I SHALL TRY TO MAKE UP MY MIND SOON
YOUR DAUGHTER IS CAPTIVATING, SEÑOR! NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH GRACE, SUCH BEAUTY. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD MAKE HER MY WIFE.
ANOTHER MAN SEEKS ALSO TO WED HER, CAPTAIN RAMON.
I HAVE GIVEN DON DIEGO, A CABALLERO OF FINE FAMILY, PERMISSION TO COURT HER BUT LOLITA WEDS NO ONE UNLESS SHE WISHES
AH, IT IS THEN AN AFFAIR BETWEEN DON DIEGO VEGA AND MYSELF

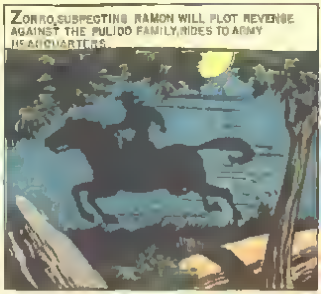
NO DOUBT YOU HAVE CAUGHT THE RASCAL, SERGEANT GONZALES!
HE ESCAPED US AGAIN, CAPT WHAT A SLY ONE HE IS.
AND THE RASCAL HAD TEN MEN WITH HIM. WE FOUGHT WELL, AND WOUNDED THREE, BUT THEY MADE THEIR ESCAPE. WE BUT, CAPTAIN, I SEE YOU ARE WOUNDED?
NO DOUBT THE MEN YOU FOUGHT SO BRAVELY, BELONG TO ANOTHER BAND THE HIGHWAYMAN, AT THE TIME YOU SPEAK OF, WAS WITH ME
AH?
I WAS TREATED MUCH AS YOU WERE. HE HAD A PISTOL HANDY IN CASE I SHOULD PROVE TOO EXPERT WITH THE SWORD
WE SHALL CATCH HIM YET?
I hope of you, Don Carlos, make use of my home in the pueblo of the Hopitas until this terrible storm over it is going to the mountains of all fellows for a few days. The hermits have been told you are coming and will be at your command. It shall pay my respects when I return.
Diego
AH, IT WILL BE GOOD TO VISIT THE PUEBLO AND SEE OUR OLD FRIENDS?
IT WILL DO NO HARM TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUESTS OF DON DIEGO VEGA

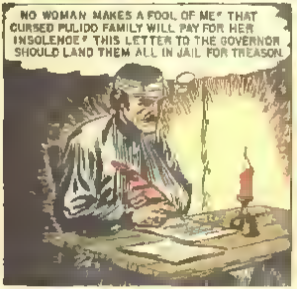
TO THINK THAT OUR DAUGHTER COULD BE MISTRESS OF ALL THIS, IF SHE DESIRED!
--SURELY, THESE BOOKS DO NOT BELONG TO DON DIEGO? WHAT A PUZZLE THIS DIEGO IS!
I REGRET THAT DON DIEGO IS NOT AT HOME, SEÑOR
I KNOW THAT DON CARLOS IS HERE WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER --IS HE NOT?
BUT, DON CARLOS IS OUT WITH HIS WIFE ON A VISIT, SEÑOR.
IN THAT CASE, I SHALL PAY MY RESPECTS TO THE SEÑORITA.
SEÑOR, YOUR PARDON, BUT IT IS SCARCELY RIGHT FOR THE YOUNG SEÑORITA TO RECEIVE A CABALLERO, WHEN HER PARENTS ARE NOT PRESENT
WHO ARE YOU TO TELL ME OF MANNERS? OUT OF MY WAY! CROSS ME AND YOU SHALL BE PUNISHED!
BUT, SEÑOR.

THIS IS SCARCELY PROPER — CAPTAIN RAMON!
AND WHAT HARM CAN COME OF IT, MY PRETTY ONE?
YOU — OUT OF MY SIGHT!
NO, HE MUST STAY MY FATHER COMMANDED IT, AND HE WILL GET INTO TROUBLE IF HE LEAVES
GET OUT! YOU'LL BE IN FAR MORE TROUBLE IF YOU STAY!
YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL CREATURE DON'T DRAW AWAY FROM ME I WOULD HAVE YOU AS MY WIFE!
CAPTAIN RAMON, THIS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE PLACE TO SPEAK OF SUCH THINGS
COME NOW, LITTLE ONE, GIVE ME AN ANSWER
SOONER WOULD I DIE, THAN WED WITH YOU! I WED A GENTLEMAN, SEÑOR, AND YOU HAVE NO CLAIM TO THAT TITLE!
WHAT A SPIT FIRE! I'LL TAKE A KISS TO PAY FOR THAT

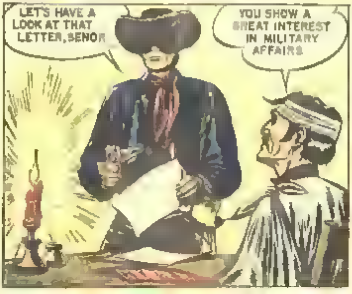
JUST A MOMENT, MY DEAR CAPTAIN
ON YOUR KNEES AND APOLOGIZE TO THE SEÑORITA THEN YOU MAY SLINK FROM THIS HOUSE LIKE THE CUR YOU ARE!
YOU?.. YOU THREATEN A WOUNDED MAN?
NOW GET OUT, AND BOTHER THE SEÑORITA NO FURTHER, OR WOUND OR NOT, I SHALL SINK MY BLADE DEEPER THAN BEFORE!
THANK YOU, SENOR, THANK YOU!
AH, SEÑORITA, IF ONLY I COULD COURT YOU OPENLY
YOU STEAL ONLY TO AVENGE WRONGDOERS OR HELP THE POOR. NO MAN KNOWS YOUR FACE...OH, SENOR, TAKE OFF THE MASK AND CLAIM ME IN SIGHT OF ALL! NOW, YOU MUST GO! QUICKLY! BEFORE MY PARENTS RETURN!

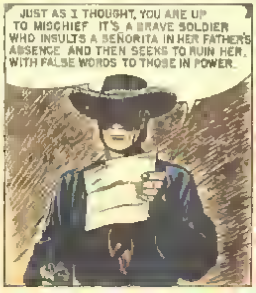
MY TASK IS NOT YET DONE, SEÑORITA* WAIT FOR ME, I WILL COME BACK FOR YOU!
THE SAINTS GUARD YOU, MY LOVED ONE I'LL BE WAITING


ZORRO, SUSPECTING RAMON WILL PLOT REVENGE AGAINST THE PULIDO FAMILY, RIDES TO ARMY HEADQUARTERS.


NO WOMAN MAKES A FOOL OF ME* THAT CURSED PULIDO FAMILY WILL PAY FOR HER INSOLENCE* THIS LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR SHOULD LAND THEM ALL IN JAIL FOR TREASON

NOT A SOUND, SENOR. YOU DIE IF AS MUCH AS A GASP ESCAPES YOUR LIPS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

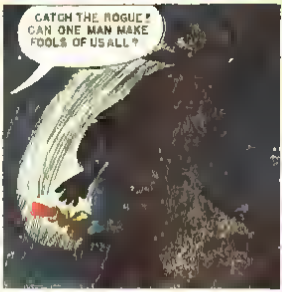

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THAT LETTER, SENOR
YOU SHOW A GREAT INTEREST IN MILITARY AFFAIRS


JUST AS I THOUGHT, YOU ARE UP TO MISCHIEF IT'S A BRAVE SOLDIER WHO INSULTS A SEÑORITA IN HER FATHER'S ABSENCE AND THEN SEEKS TO RUIN HER, WITH FALSE WORDS TO THOSE IN POWER.

YOU DESERVE THE WORST IT'S A PITY YOU ARE UNABLE TO CROSS SWORDS WITH ME.

WE SHALL REPORT TO THE CAPTAIN.

IT WILL BE MY PLEASURE TO KILL YOU WHEN YOUR WOUND HAS HEALED, SENOR.
HO! GONZALES, TO THE RESCUE! ZORRO IS HERE!

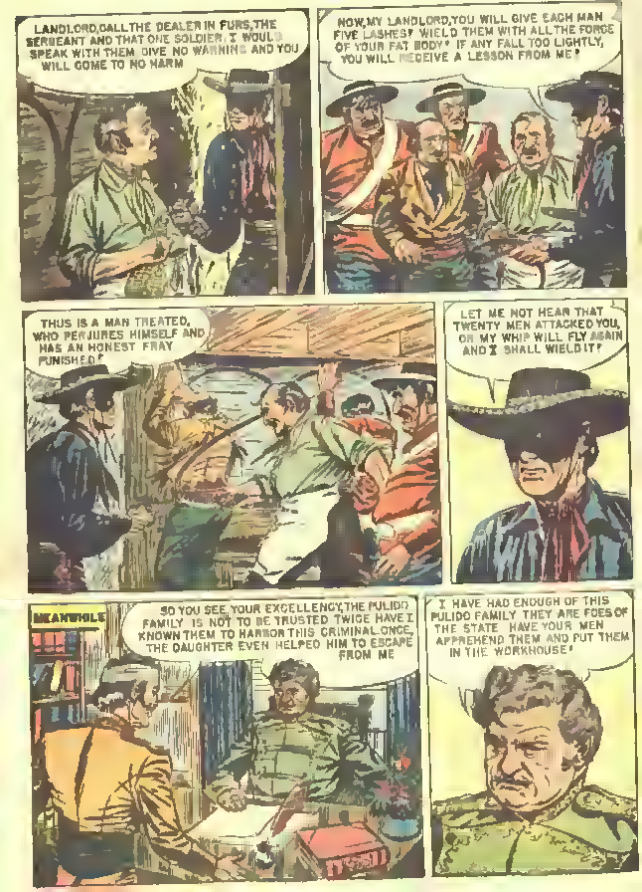

CATCH THE ROGUE! CAN ONE MAN MAKE FOOLS OF US ALL?

THE MEN RIDE OFF IN SEARCH OF ZORRO, WHO HAS ONCE MORE ELUDED THEM.

WHAT MEANS THIS NOISE? AND WHAT DO YOU, SON OF EVIL, WANT?
WE SEARCH FOR THE CURSE OF CAPISTRANO, SENOR ZORRO!

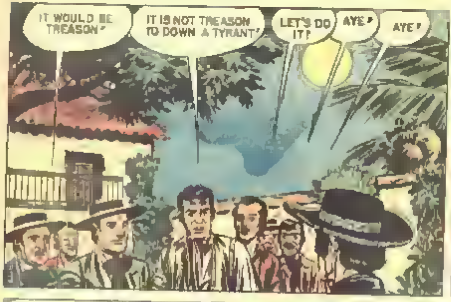
I DO NOT KNOW HIM, BUT I HEAR HE HAS PUNISHED CERTAIN BRUTISH SOLDIERS FOR BEATING INDIANS.
I DO NOT LIKE THE TONE OF YOUR VOICE OR YOUR WORDS, FRAY
AS I HAVE EYES, MY RAUCOUS FRIEND!
DON DIEGO, YOU HERE!
WE WERE ON THAT ZORRO'S HEELS, WHEN TWENTY OF HIS MEN ENGAGED US IN COMBAT, AND WE LOST THE ROGUE. YOU HAVE NOT HEARD HIM GO BY?
IS THERE NO PLACE WHERE A MAN CAN READ AND TALK OF POETRY IN PEACE?
MEAL, MUSH AND GOAT'S MILK! YOU MAY TAKE YOUR POETRY AS FOR ME, I WOULD MEET THE HIGHWAYMAN IN FAIR BATTLE!
YES, I KNOW YOU WOULD LATER RELATE TO ME HOW YOU PLAYED WITH HIM, RAN HIM THROUGH, LEFT HIM DYING--
DO YOU TRY TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME? BY THE SAINTS, I'LL--
'TIS BUT A JEST. NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER, PERHAPS THE GOOD BROTHER WILL BRING US SOME WINE.
MY SEARCH FOR QUIET TAKES ME BACK TO MY HACIENDA. ADIOS!
LET US HOPE YOU SURVIVE THE HARDSHIPS OF THE JOURNEY.

THE MINUTE DON DIEGO LEAVES THE MONASTERY, GONZALES GIVES ORDERS TO SEIZE THE GENTLE FRAY FELIPE
I AM SURE THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF YOUR SELLING SPOILED HIDES SUPPOSE YOU COME ALONG WITH US TO FACE CHARGES
YOU ACCUSE ME FALSELY!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE PLAZA, BY THE OFFICE OF THE MAGISTRATE, DON DIEGO CATCHES SIGHT OF HIS FRIEND THE FRAY.
BY THE SAINTS, WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?
THIS GODLY MAN HAS DONE NO HARM AND YOU KNOW HE IS MY FRIEND
HE HAS BEEN CAUGHT SWINDLING. THE PENALTY IS FIFTEEN LASHES, AND HE MUST PAY THE PRICE
NO, MY FRIEND, DO NOT INTERFERE THE MAN HAS BEEN JUSTLY TRIED AND TO HELP HIM IS TO OFFEND THE GOVERNOR. HIS EXCELLENCY DOES NOT LIKE THE SOUND OF TREASON!
NOW, I SHALL HAVE BOTH THE HIDES AND MY MONEY. OF COURSE, THE SERGEANT WILL HAVE A SHARE, BUT IT IS STILL AN EASY WAY TO GROW RICHER
IT IS NOW EVENING. THE FUR DEALER, GONZALES AND THE SOLDIERS ARE GATHERED IN THE TAVERN TO CELEBRATE THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS. THE LANDLORD BUSTLES ABOUT WITH WINE.


LANDLORD, CALL THE DEALER IN FURS, THE SERGEANT AND THAT ONE SOLDIER. I WOULD SPEAK WITH THEM. GIVE NO WARNING AND YOU WILL COME TO NO HARM
NOW, MY LANDLORD, YOU WILL GIVE EACH MAN FIVE LASHES? WIELD THEM WITH ALL THE FORCE OF YOUR FAT BODY! IF ANY FALL TOO LIGHTLY, YOU WILL RECEIVE A LESSON FROM ME!
THUS IS A MAN TREATED, WHO PERJURES HIMSELF AND HAS AN HONEST FRAY PUNISHED!
LET ME NOT HEAR THAT TWENTY MEN ATTACKED YOU, OR MY WHIP WILL FLY AGAIN AND I SHALL WIELD IT!
MEANWHILE
SO YOU SEE, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE PULIDO FAMILY IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED TWICE. HAVE I KNOWN THEM TO HARBOR THIS CRIMINAL ONCE, THE DAUGHTER EVEN HELPED HIM TO ESCAPE FROM ME
I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS PULIDO FAMILY. THEY ARE FOES OF THE STATE. HAVE YOUR MEN APPREHEND THEM AND PUT THEM IN THE WORKHOUSE!

AH, DIEGO, MY SON
MY DEAR FATHER, IT HAS BEEN A FATIGUING JOURNEY WHEREVER A MAN TURNS HE FINDS TURMOIL AND BLOODSHED THIS COMPOUNDED "SENOR ZORRO"!
DON DIEGO VISITS AT THE HOME OF HIS FATHER.
WHAT OF THIS ZORRO?
HE IS A CONSTANT PLAGUE THE ROUGH TROOPERS WHIPPED A FRAY UNJUSTLY TODAY, IN THE PUEBLO. THEY ARE BEASTS!
SCOUNDRELS, EVERY ONE! BUT WHAT OF ZORRO?
ZORRO PUNISHED THESE MEN BY MAKING THE LANDLORD OF THE TAVERN THEY FREQUENT LASH THEM IN RETURN.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, SIR BY THE SAINTS, I HAD HOPED TO AVOID IT THE SENORITA LOLITA WILL HAVE NONE OF ME AND I HAVE DONE MY BEST TO IMPRESS HER
HOW DID YOU IMPRESS HER? DID YOU WOO HER? OR DID YOU ONLY WHISPER SWEETLY TO HER OF YOUR WEALTH AND POSITION? BY MY BLOOD! ARE YOU A VEGA? NO GIRL WOULD REFUSE YOU IF YOU ACTED LIKE A MAN!
THERE IS A LOUD KNOCKING, AND DON ALEJANDRO GOES TO THE DOOR
PARDON OUR ROUGH INTRUSION, DON ALEJANDRO, WE HAVE BANDED TOGETHER TO HELP HUNT ZORRO HAS HE COME THIS WAY?
ONE CAN'T ESCAPE THIS VIOLENCE ANYWHERE! I'M GOING TO BED

I WOULD THAT MY SON WERE MORE WILD. I CAN OVERLOOK ESCAPADES MORE EASILY THAN HIS LIFELESSNESS. NO, MY CABALLEROS, THE HIGHWAYMAN HAS NOT PASSED THIS WAY
DON ALEJANDRO ORDERS WINE FOR THE MEN. ALL GATHER AROUND SINGING AND TELLING TALES. FOR THE CHASE OF ZORRO IS A FINE EXCUSE FOR MERRY-MAKING. DON ALEJANDRO FEELS HIS OWN YOUTH RETURN AND ENTERTAINS WELL INTO THE NIGHT
BACK, OR I FIRE! I HAVE NOT COME TO FIGHT YOU, BUT TO TELL YOU SOME TRUTHS ABOUT YOURSELVES
TAKE UP YOUR SWORDS AGAINST OPPRESSION. YOU HAVE NO QUARREL WITH ME. YOU DRINK AND MAKE MERRY WHILE INJUSTICE IS ALL ABOUT YOU. DO YOU THINK YOU ARE SAFE BECAUSE YOU COME OF GOOD FAMILIES?
HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH. IT WAS JUST THIS MORNING THEY JAILED THE PULIDO FAMILY, AND THEY ARE OF THE FINEST BLOOD.
WHAT DID YOU SAY? CAN IT BE POSSIBLE THEY DARED GO SO FAR? YESTERDAY THESE VILLAINS WHO GOVERN YOU WHIPPED A DEFENSELESS MAN OF GOD. TODAY THE BEST FAMILY IN THE LAND IS JAILED.
WILL YOU STAY HERE AND DO NOTHING? OR WILL YOU SEEK ADVENTURE WITH ME? RISE UP AGAINST THIEVING POLITICIANS? LIVE UP TO YOUR NOBLE NAMES?


IT WOULD BE TREASON!
IT IS NOT TREASON TO DOWN A TYRANT!
LET'S DO IT!
AYE!
AYE!

YOU WILL LEAD US, SEÑOR?
SI, SEÑORES

WHAT A FIGURE OF A MAN! IF ONLY DIEGO WERE MORE LIKE HIM
ORGANIZE YOURSELVES AT MY SIGNAL WE RIDE TO FREE THE PULIDO FAMILY

WAIT, WHO ARE YOU? LET US SEE YOUR FACE
THAT, FOR NOW, MUST REMAIN A SECRET I GIVE YOU MY WORD I AM OF GOOD BLOOD. ARE YOU WITH ME?
AYE, TO THE DEATH, SEÑOR.

WHEN WILL HE SIGNAL US?
THERE IS LITTLE TIME
THESE WRONGS MUST BE RIGHTED

NEXT DAY
LANDLORD, GIVE THESE GENTLEMEN MORE WINE YOU MAY PUT IT ON MY BILL, AS ALWAYS

ADIOS, SEÑORES, DRINK TO MY OLD AGE, FOR IT LOOKS LIKE I SHALL HAVE NO WIFE
WHAT AN IDIOT, THIS DON DIEGO! HOW DO YOU STOMACH HIM?
MY STOMACH LIKES HIS WINE
SEÑOR, IF YOU PLEASE, THERE IS A GENTLEMAN ON THE SAN GABRIEL TRAIL HE SAYS THERE IS A FOX IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
GOOD THIS IS THE SIGNAL! I SHALL GATHER THE MEN, AND MEET HIM AT ONCE
COME, MY FRIENDS, ON TO THAT MISERABLE HOLE THEY CALL THE JAIL. THE PULIDO FAMILY WILL SOON BREATHE FRESH AIR AGAIN!
OPEN, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE!

DO NOT MAKE A MOVE OR YOU WILL BE A DEAD MAN GIVE ME THE KEYS TO THE PRISON ROOMS
THE MEN HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO CARE FOR YOUR PARENTS,SEÑORITA,AND IF YOU TRUST ME,I SHALL CARE FOR YOU
THANK THE SAINTS? I KNEW YOU WOULD COME
ADIOS, SEÑOR ZORRO WE SHALL MEET LATER
WE GO TO FRAY FELIPE
TO LOVE IS TO TRUST SEÑOR.
I HAVE DONE YOU MANY A FAVOR. GOOD FRAY WILL YOU KEEP THE SEÑORITA SAFE TILL MY RETURN?
I SHALL GUARD HER WITH MY LIFE
SEÑOR ZORRO,THE ARMY IS SUSPICIOUS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. THAT FOOL GONZALES HAS BEEN HERE AGAIN.

THEN WE MUST CONCEAL HER PRESENCE HERE
THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD HIDING PLACE. THEY ARE NOT APT TO SEARCH THOROUGHLY AGAIN, AND AT THE SOUND OF DANGER THESE FURS WOULD HIDE THE SEÑORITA
WAIT, DID YOU HEAR SHOUTING?
IT IS THE ARMY!
LOOK, SEÑOR! IT IS TOO LATE, WE ARE CAUGHT!
BUT NOT DONE! HURRY! INTO THE STORE ROOM!
THEY HAVE NO CHANCE
I SHALL BLOW THE LOCK WITH MY PISTOL

THAT SHOULD FIX THE UNGRACEFUL FOOL!
I AM WOUNDED! OH, MY HAND! I AM DYING!
THE GOVERNOR ORDERS YOUR SURRENDER YOU WILL HAVE A FAIR TRIAL
COME IN AND DRINK A JUG OF WINE WITH ME
I SHALL WAIT FOR THE ROGUE TO BACK AGAINST THE DOOR, AND THEN RUN HIM THROUGH
GO ABOUT TO THE BACK OF THE ROOM AND FIRE THROUGH THE WALL WHEN HE BACKS INTO THIS CORNER I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM
HA, MY FRIEND, IT IS A BETTER DOG THAN YOU WERE — THAT CAN OUTWIT A FOX!

NOW OUR SCORE IS SETTLED, SEÑOR
COME, WE'LL BATTER DOWN THE DOOR. THEY CANNOT STAND AGAINST US ALL. ZORRO, WE SHALL TAKE YOU NOW!
MAY YOU BE THE FIRST TO GREET ME, FAT ONE!
THIS IS THE END, SEÑOR BEFORE WE DIE, LET ME SEE YOUR FACE
MY LOVE HAS BROUGHT YOU ONLY ILL FORTUNE, SEÑORITA
WELL DONE, AMIGOS. IT SEEMS OUR SWORDS AND NAMES CARRY SOME WEIGHT. THE GOVERNOR NOW SINGS A SWEETER TUNE
A FULL PARDON FOR ZORRO AND AN OFFICIAL APOLOGY FOR THE PULIDO FAMILY. WE SHALL SEE THAT ORDER IS KEPT IN THE LAND FROM NOW ON

THANK YOU, SIRS, FOR YOUR CONCERN, BUT WE HAVE THE RASCAL WELL IN HAND HE IS NOT WORTHY OF YOUR BLADES
THE GOVERNOR HAS PARDONED HIM AND WE ARE HERE TO SEE THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS CARRIED OUT STAND ASIDE, FAT ONE
YOU ARE LYING THE REWARD IF IT IS MINE YOU SHALL NOT HAVE IT!
NOW THAT YOU ARE FREE, SEÑOR LET US SEE YOUR FACE
I'M AFRAID IT'S GOING TO BE A SAD DISAPPOINTMENT TO YOU

DON DIEGO? IT CANNOT BE!
WHAT A SLY ONE, SENOR! HOW DID YOU EVER MANAGE?
FOR, INDEED! AND I WAS HIS PRIZE RABBIT, IT WAS I WHO TOLD DON DIEGO ALL OUR PLANS TO CATCH HIMSELF
DON CARLOS ENTERTAINS ON THE OCCASION OF ANNOUNCING THE ENGAGEMENT OF HIS DAUGHTER
WELL, DIEGO, MY SON, MY BLOOD FLOWS IN YOUR VEINS AFTER ALL. HOW YOU FOOLED US ALL!
AND WHAT OF ZORRO? IS HE GONE FOREVER?
THERE IS NO NEED FOR ZORRO NOW, AND YOU WILL AGREE A MARRIED MAN MUST BE MORE CAREFUL. HOWEVER, MY SENORITA, YOU, ALONE, WILL ALWAYS FIND ZORRO AT YOUR CALL

Captain Ramon
Don Alejandro
Zorro
Fray Felipe
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